



Interview with Claude Hill and Marion Hill November 7, 1977 - Track 1

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/oralhistory204>

Repository:	City of Burnaby Archives
Summary:	This portion of the interview pertains to A. Claude Hill's memories of Christmas as a young boy, living in the Deer Lake area. He tells stories of the antics he got into with his brothers. Claude's wife, Marion Hill speaks encouraging words.
Date Range:	1892-1905
Photo Info:	Claude Hill, the son of Bernard and Marian Hill, [1888]. Item no. 477-933
Length:	0:09:33
Subject:	Holidays - Christmas
Geographic Access:	Burnaby - Douglas Road Burnaby - Canada Way Burnaby - 4990 Canada Way
Historic Neighbourhood:	Burnaby Lake (Historic Neighbourhood)
Planning Study Area:	Douglas-Gilpin Area
Interviewer:	Stevens, Colin
Interview Date:	November 7, 1977
Scope and Content:	Recording is of an interview with A. Claude Hill and his wife Marion Hill, conducted by Colin Stevens, November 7, 1977. Major themes discussed are: Christmas traditions and his Deer Lake neighbourhood.
Biographical Notes:	Claude Hill was born in England about 1885, the eldest son of Marian (Berkeley) and Bernard R. Hill. His younger sibling were Frank, Winnie and Minard Gerald "Gerry." Claude Hill was named after Bernard's older brother, Louis Claude Hill. Claude's father, Bernard R. Hill was born in Bengal, India while his father worked for the East Indian Railway. He and his older brother Uncle Claude became strawberry farmers in Burnaby despite their years of training as engineers. Between them, the Hill brothers owned all the land between Burnaby Lake and Deer Lake where Deer Creek runs, and half way around Deer Lake. After the decline in the strawberry industry, Bernard worked as a surveyor for the municipality. He also served as Burnaby Councillor and School Trustee. Bernard built his family home at Douglas Road near Deer Lake in 1892. His oldest child, Claude was seven years old at the time and his first years of school in Burnaby were at Douglas Road. Later, Claude rode a horse and buggy with his younger brother to travel to school in New Westminster. A.Claude Hill married Marion "Mamie" in his early twenties.
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Total Length:	0:30:00
Other Tracks:	View All Tracks
Interviewee Name:	Hill, Claude Hill, Marion, Mrs A Claude Hill
Collection/Fonds:	Burnaby Historical Society Community Archives collection
Series:	Oral History series
Item No.:	MSS137-019-1_Track_1
Media Type:	Sound Recording
Web Notes:	Interview was digitized in 2010 allowing it to be accessible on Heritage Burnaby. The digitization project was initiated by the Community Heritage Commission with support from City of Burnaby Council and the BC History Digitization Program of the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre, University of British Columbia. It was recognized by the Heritage Society of BC with an award in 2012.

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Interview with Claude Hill and Marion Hill November 7, 1977 - Track 2

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/oralhistory205>

Repository:	City of Burnaby Archives
Summary:	This portion of the interview pertains to A. Claude Hill's memories of Christmas as a young boy, living in the Deer Lake area. Claude and Marion Hill continue discussing Christmas traditions of the time.
Date Range:	1892-1905
Photo Info:	Claude Hill, the son of Bernard and Marian Hill, [1888]. Item no. 477-933
Length:	0:08:15
Subject:	Holidays - Christmas
Historic Neighbourhood:	Burnaby Lake (Historic Neighbourhood)
Interviewer:	Stevens, Colin
Interview Date:	November 7, 1977
Scope and Content:	Recording is of an interview with A. Claude Hill and his wife Marion Hill, conducted by Colin Stevens, November 7, 1977. Major themes discussed are: Christmas traditions and his Deer Lake neighbourhood.

Biographical Notes: Claude Hill was born in England about 1885, the eldest son of Marian (Berkeley) and Bernard R. Hill. His younger siblings were Frank, Winnie and Minard Gerald "Gerry." Claude Hill was named after Bernard's older brother, Louis Claude Hill. Claude's father, Bernard R. Hill was born in Bengal, India while his father worked for the East Indian Railway. He and his older brother Uncle Claude became strawberry farmers in Burnaby despite their years of training as engineers. Between them, the Hill brothers owned all the land between Burnaby Lake and Deer Lake where Deer Creek runs, and half way around Deer Lake. After the decline in the strawberry industry, Bernard worked as a surveyor for the municipality. He also served as Burnaby Councillor and School Trustee. Bernard built his family home at Douglas Road near Deer Lake in 1892. His oldest child, Claude was seven years old at the time and his first years of school in Burnaby were at Douglas Road. Later, Claude rode a horse and buggy with his younger brother to travel to school in New Westminster. A. Claude Hill married Marion "Mamie" in his early twenties.

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Interviewee Name: [Hill, Claude](#)
[Hill, Marion, Mrs A Claude Hill](#)

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Series: [Oral History series](#)

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Interview with Claude Hill and Marion Hill November 7, 1977 - Track 3

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/oralhistory206>

Repository:	City of Burnaby Archives
Summary:	This portion of the interview pertains to A. Claude Hill's memories of crossing from England to Canada and of the land clearing process.
Date Range:	1892
Photo Info:	Claude Hill, the son of Bernard and Marian Hill, [1888]. Item no. 477-933
Length:	0:07:14
Name:	Hill, Bernard R
Subject:	Land Clearing
Historic Neighbourhood:	Burnaby Lake (Historic Neighbourhood)
Interviewer:	Stevens, Colin
Interview Date:	November 7, 1977
Scope and Content:	Recording is of an interview with A. Claude Hill and his wife Marion Hill, conducted by Colin Stevens, November 7, 1977. Major themes discussed are: Christmas traditions and his Deer Lake neighbourhood.
Biographical Notes:	Claude Hill was born in England about 1885, the eldest son of Marian (Berkeley) and Bernard R. Hill. His younger sibling were Frank, Winnie and Minard Gerald "Gerry." Claude Hill was named after Bernard's older brother, Louis Claude Hill. Claude's father, Bernard R. Hill was born in Bengal, India while his father worked for the East Indian Railway. He and his older brother Uncle Claude became strawberry farmers in Burnaby despite their years of training as engineers. Between them, the Hill brothers owned all the land between Burnaby Lake and Deer Lake where Deer Creek runs, and half way around Deer Lake. After the decline in the strawberry industry, Bernard worked as a surveyor for the municipality. He also served as Burnaby Councillor and School Trustee. Bernard built his family home at Douglas Road near Deer Lake in 1892. His oldest child, Claude was seven years old at the time and his first years of school in Burnaby were at Douglas Road. Later, Claude rode a horse and buggy with his younger brother to travel to school in New Westminster. A.Claude Hill married Marion "Mamie" in his early twenties.
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Interviewee Name:	Hill, Claude Hill, Marion, Mrs A Claude Hill
Collection/Fonds:	Burnaby Historical Society Community Archives collection
Series:	Oral History series
Item No.:	MSS137-019-1_Track_3
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Interview with Claude Hill and Marion Hill November 7, 1977 - Track 4

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/oralhistory250>

Repository:	City of Burnaby Archives
Summary:	This portion of the interview pertains to A. Claude Hill's memories of how his father cleared land to build a house, including the equipment that was used.
Date Range:	1892-1905
Photo Info:	Claude Hill, the son of Bernard and Marian Hill, [1888]. Item no. 477-933
Length:	0:04:58
Name:	Hill, Bernard R
Subject:	Land Clearing
Geographic Access:	Burnaby - Douglas Road Burnaby - Canada Way Burnaby - 4990 Canada Way Burnaby Lake (Historic Neighbourhood)
Historic Neighbourhood:	
Planning Study Area:	Douglas-Gilpin Area
Interviewer:	Stevens, Colin
Interview Date:	November 7, 1977
Scope and Content:	Recording is of an interview with A. Claude Hill and his wife Marion Hill, conducted by Colin Stevens, November 7, 1977. Major themes discussed are: Christmas traditions and his Deer Lake neighbourhood.

Biographical Notes: Claude Hill was born in England about 1885, the eldest son of Marian (Berkeley) and Bernard R. Hill. His younger siblings were Frank, Winnie and Minard Gerald "Gerry." Claude Hill was named after Bernard's older brother, Louis Claude Hill. Claude's father, Bernard R. Hill was born in Bengal, India while his father worked for the East Indian Railway. He and his older brother Uncle Claude became strawberry farmers in Burnaby despite their years of training as engineers. Between them, the Hill brothers owned all the land between Burnaby Lake and Deer Lake where Deer Creek runs, and half way around Deer Lake. After the decline in the strawberry industry, Bernard worked as a surveyor for the municipality. He also served as Burnaby Councillor and School Trustee. Bernard built his family home at Douglas Road near Deer Lake in 1892. His oldest child, Claude was seven years old at the time and his first years of school in Burnaby were at Douglas Road. Later, Claude rode a horse and buggy with his younger brother to travel to school in New Westminster. A.Claude Hill married Marion "Mamie" in his early twenties.

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Interviewee Name: [Hill, Claude](#)
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